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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - POSTED QUESTIONS

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS POSTED IN THE DEPARTMENT  
PRESS OFFICE IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION TAKEN AT THE NOON  
PRESS BRIEFING FOR JUNE 28, 1977:

Q. HAS ANY ARAB LEADER SAID PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY THAT  
HE IS WILLING TO SIGN A PEACE TREATY WITH ISRAEL?

A. IN THE SINAI AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 1975 THE EGYPTIAN  
AND ISRAELI GOVERNMENTS COMMIT THEMSELVES TO REACHING A  
FINAL NEGOTIATED PEACE SETTLEMENT. THE EXACT LANGUAGE OF  
THE PERTINENT ARTICLES IS:  
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ARTICLE I: QUOTE: THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THEM AND IN THE  
MIDDLE EAST SHALL NOT BE RESOLVED BY MILITARY FORCE BUT  
BY PEACEFUL MEANS.

QUOTE: THE AGREEMENT CONCLUDED BY THE PARTIES JANUARY 18,  
1974, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE,  
CONSISTED A FIRST STEP TOWARDS A JUST AND DURABLE  
PEACE ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECURITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 338 OF OCTOBER 22, 1973.

QUOTE: THEY ARE DETERMINED TO REACH A FINAL AND JUST  
PEACE SETTLEMENT BY MEANS OF NEGOTIATIONS CALLED FOR BY  
SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 338, THIS AGREEMENT BEING A  
SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARDS THAT END. END QUOTE.

ARTICLE VIII: QUOTE: THIS AGREEMENT IS REGARDED BY THE  
PARTIES AS A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD A JUST AND LASTING  
PEACE. IT IS NOT A FINAL PEACE AGREEMENT.

QUOTE: THE PARTIES SHALL CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO

NEGOTIATE A FINAL PEACE AGREEMENT WITH THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 338. END ALL QUOTES.

IN THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA FOR THE GOLAN HEIGHTS OF MAY 31, 1974, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ALSO AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING:

QUOTE: H. THIS AGREEMENT IS NOT A PEACE AGREEMENT. IT IS A STEP TOWARD A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE ON THE BASIS OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 338 DATED OCTOBER 22, 1973. END QUOTE.

IN RECENT MONTHS EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT HAS STATED  
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SEVERAL TIMES HIS WILLINGNESS TO SIGN A PEACE AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL. FOR EXAMPLE, IN A PRESS CONFERENCE WITH WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER GENESCHER ON FEBRUARY 12, 1977, PRESIDENT SADAT SAID: QUOTE: WE ARE PREPARED TODAY OR TOMORROW TO SIGN A PEACE TREATY IN GENEVA TO END THE STATE OF WAR AND RESTORE NORMAL RELATIONS IN THE AREA. ON THE OTHER HAND, ISRAEL MUST FULFILL ITS COMMITMENT REGARDING SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242. THIS MEANS ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ARAB TERRITORIES IT OCCUPIED AFTER 1967. WE ARE PREPARED TODAY AND WILL BE PREPARED TOMORROW TO SIGN THE TREATY NO MATTER WHAT GUARANTEES ISRAEL DEMANDS. END QUOTE.

ALSO, IN HIS SPEECH ON JUNE 17, 1977, IN SAN FRANCISCO, VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE POINTED OUT THAT DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN REFERRED TO A QUOTE: JUST AND LASTING PEACE--ONE WHICH WOULD ENABLE ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST TO DIVERT THEIR ENERGIES AND RESOURCES TO BUILD AND ATTAIN A BETTER FUTURE. END QUOTE.

2. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS POSTED IN THE DEPARTMENT PRESS OFFICE IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION TAKEN AT THE JUNE 29 PRESS BRIEFING:

Q. IS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING AN ARMS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE LEBANESE ARMY?

A. WE HAVE INITIATED A REVIEW OF HOW WE MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO THE SARKIS GOVERNMENT AS IT BEGINS REBUILDING THE LEBANESE ARMY. THIS REVIEW IS STILL IN ITS PRELIMINARY STAGES AND WE CANNOT GET INTO DETAILS.

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